

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
11020 Sun Center Drive #200, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
concerning

**CONSIDERATION OF ORDER AMENDING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR
MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM NPDES PERMITS TO ALLOW FOR
PARTICIPATION IN REGIONAL MONITORING PROGRAMS
FOR**

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
STOCKTON PORT DISTRICT
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

CITIES OF ANTIOCH, BRENTWOOD, AND OAKLEY, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, AND
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FRESNO COUNTY
CITIES OF CLOVIS AND FRESNO, COUNTY OF FRESNO,
FRESNO METROPOLITAN FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, AND
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY FRESNO

KERN COUNTY
CITY OF BAKERSFIELD AND COUNTY OF KERN

The tentative Order proposes amendments to four (4) Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for 13 individual Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System NPDES Permittees that discharge to waterbodies within the Central Valley region. The proposed Order amends the individual WDRs to allow Permittees an option to participate in a Regional Monitoring Program (RMP) ahead of a proposed Region-wide Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) general permit that will include a RMP option. The Region-wide MS4 general permit is under development by the Central Valley Water Board, and is not expected to be considered for adoption by the Central Valley Water Board until at least December 2015.

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System NPDES permits require the Permittees (listed above) to conduct surface water monitoring. The purpose of this monitoring is to provide information on the impacts of discharges on local receiving waters, and on the extant condition of those waterbodies. However, these local water quality monitoring efforts could be coordinated through a RMP to better characterize the spatial and temporal distributions of contaminants and physical conditions of Central Valley waterbodies on a regional scale. Implementation of a RMP, such as the Delta RMP, will provide data to better inform management and policy decisions statewide.

A public hearing concerning this item will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting scheduled for:

DATE: 4/5 June 2015
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board Room,
11020 Sun Center Drive, #200
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

The designated parties are as follows:

- Stockton Port District Representative(s);
- Cities of Antioch, Brentwood, and Oakley, Contra Costa County, and Contra Costa Flood Control and Water Conservation District Representative(s);
- Cities of Clovis and Fresno, County of Fresno, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District, and California State University Fresno Representative(s); and
- City of Bakersfield and County of Kern Representative(s)

Only designated parties will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to introduce exhibits; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. All other persons wishing to testify or provide comments are interested persons and not designated parties. Such interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 8 May 2015**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and, in particular, how the person is directly affected by the discharge.

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item shall submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments to the Central Valley Water Board, via email address RB5S-NPDES-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov no later than **5:00 p.m. on 8 May 2015**. Written evidence or comments submitted after **5:00 p.m. on 8 May 2015** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record absent a ruling by the Board Chair. Any party requesting to submit late materials must demonstrate good cause for the late submission, and the Board Chair must find that accepting the late submission will not prejudice the Central Valley Water Board or any designated party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair.

Anyone having questions regarding the hearing item should contact Genevieve Sparks at (916) 464-4745 or Genevieve.Sparks@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the tentative Order and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/. Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. **The final meeting agenda will be available at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/ at least 10 days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the specific date the Board Meeting will be held for this item, indicate the anticipated order of all agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).**

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/. Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Central Valley Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd.shtml or by contacting any one of the Central Valley Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lafranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

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The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lafranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Original signed by Adam W. Laputz

ADAM W. LAPUTZ, Assistant Executive Officer

8 April 2015